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1. AUSTRALIAN MISSION HAS INFORMED US THAT NOTWITHSTANDING

SUGGESTION WHICH WAS PRIVATELY AIRED BY SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DURING JUNE MEETING OF BOARD THAT FRENCH GOVERNOR ON IAEA BOARD, BERTRAND GOLDSCHMIDT, BE SELECTED AS NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN THIS SEPTEMBER, SEAP REGION HAS NO INTENTION OF RELINQUISHING ITS ROTATIONAL TURN TO PROVIDE CHAIRMAN THIS YEAR. (SUGGESTION OF GOLDSCHMIDT WAS PUT FORWARD IN CONSIDERATION OF FACT THAT HE WAS QUOTE PRESENT AT CREATION UNQUOTE OF AGENCY AND IS DUE FOR RETIREMENT SOON AFTER HAVING BEEN FRENCH GOVERNOR  
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FOR 20 YEARS).

2. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIANS, DECISION WAS TAKEN AT LOCAL CAUCUS JULY 27 OF ACTIVE MEMBERS OF SEAP REGION (AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA) AND BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS: (A) IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING IN THIS POSITION THE ROTATIONAL PRINCIPLE

WHICH HAS SUFFERED EROSION IN CASE OF GC PRESIDENCY,  
(B) OPPOSITION TO CONCEPT OF USING CHAIRMENSHIP AS  
MEANS OF ACCORDING RECOGNITION OF SERVICES RENDERED  
AGENCY, (C) INITIATION AT WHAT SOME REPS PERCEIVE AS  
SECRETARIAT OVERSTEPPING ITS PROPER BOUNDS. (FYI-  
SECRETARIAT WAS ALSO ATTACKED RECENTLY BY AFRICAN GROUP  
FOR ALLEGEDLY QUOTE OFFERING UNQUOTE GC PRESIDENCY  
TO AUSTRIAN FON MIN PAHR, IGNORING FACT THAT IT WAS  
NOT TURN OF WESTERN EUROPEAN REGION TO PROVIDE CANDIDATE FOR THIS  
OFFICE. END FYI.) AUSTRALIANS OBSERVED CANDIDLY  
THAT THEY WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN FORCES  
ON THIS ISSUE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF SEAP, ALL OF

WHICH, EXCEPT FOR NEW ZEALAND, ARE MEMBERS OF G-77  
WHOSE CAUSES SELDOM ATTRACT MUCH SYMPATHY IN  
CANBERRA

3. WHILE SEAP GROUP HAS NOT RPT NOT YET IDENTIFIED  
CANDIDATE, IT IS LIKELY TO BE A MALAYSIAN. PRESUMABLY  
AMBASSADOR KHOR ENG HEE, MALAYSIAN GOVERNOR. IN ANY  
EVENT, REGIONAL CHOICE OF SEAP LIKELY TO BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN.  
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